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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of: Wilson )

Serial No. 09/815,962 )

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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
TRIMMING SHEET METAL** )

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the second Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the following claim:

10. (Amended) Apparatus for removing a trim strip from a knife roll of a slitter, comprising:

a scrap receiver adapted to collect said strip from said roll; and

a nozzle adapted to direct a stream of fluid into the area where said strip leaves said roll

and generate a pressure that guides said strip toward said scrap receiver.